

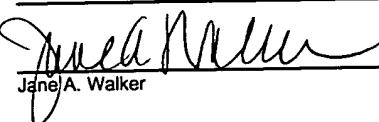


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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith which is imposed by Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. §1.56), the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is called to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application. A copy of the required cited reference is attached hereto. No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited reference and to make an independent decision with respect to its materiality.

Applicant does not believe there is any fee due with this submission.

Should any fees or surcharges be deemed necessary, Examiner has authorization to charge fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions or issues.

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